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E.O. 12065: RDS-1 07-16-2002 (BURNS, ARTHUR F.) DR-M
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, ECON, EAID, GE
SUBJECT: POLISH EPISCOPATE ECONOMIC PROPOSALS

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. SUMMARY: THE AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED AN ADVANCE
COPY OF A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM JOSEPH CARDINAL
HOEFFNER, PRESIDENT OF THE GERMAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE.
IT RECALLS HOEFFNER'S DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT AT
THE PRE-NATO SUMMIT DINNER IN BRUEHL JUNE 9 ABOUT THE
CARDINAL'S VISIT TO POLAND IN MAY AND THE CONCERNS OF
THE POLISH PRIMATE, ARCHBISHOP GLEMP, ABOUT THE
SITUATION THERE. IT CONVEYS A REQUEST FROM THE PRIMATE
AND THE POLISH EPISCOPATE FOR A LIFTING OF SANCTIONS
THAT IMPINGE ON THE PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN
POLAND AND FOR A FIVE-YEAR "POLAND RECOVERY PLAN"
TO AID PRIVATE AGRICULTURE.

THE MATERIAL WAS PRESENTED TO THE AMBASSADOR JULY 15
PREPARATORY TO A MEETING THE NEXT AFTERNOON ARRANGED
BY CDU BUNDESTAG FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN MERTES FOR

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DR. HOMEYER OF THE GERMAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE AND FATHER ALOJZY ORSZULIK OF THE POLISH EPISCOPATE INFORMATION OFFICE. ORSZULIK IS CURRENTLY ON A MISSION FOR THE PRIMATE TO SOUND OUT EC COUNTRIES AND THE U.S. CONCERNING THE PRIMATE'S REQUEST. DR. HOMEYER REQUESTED THAT WE TRANSMIT TO THE PRESIDENT CARDINAL HOFFNER'S LETTER AND THE MATERIAL FROM THE POLISH EPISCOPATE. WE EXPECT THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF THE CARDINAL'S LETTER ON MONDAY AND WILL POUCH IT AND THE ACCOMPANYING MATERIAL TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH COPIES TO EMBASSY WARSAW. MEANWHILE, WE SUMMARIZE BELOW THE EPISCOPATE PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

3. FATHER ORSZULIK, CHIEF OF THE POLISH EPISCOPATE INFORMATION OFFICE, HAS PROVIDED TO THE GERMAN BISHOPS TWO PAPERS SEVEN AND TWELVE PAGES LONG, RESPECTIVELY, FROM THE EPISCOPATE. THEY ARE ENTITLED "ON THE SITUATION IN POLAND-AND REFLECTIONS OF THE POLISH EPISCOPATE CONCERNING AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE AGRICULTURE AND THE ECONOMIC FIELDS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HANDICRAFT, TRADE AND SERVICES)" AND "ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE AGRICULTURE AND THE PRIVATE-ENTERPRISE SECTORS THEREWITH IN HANDICRAFT, TRADE AND SERVICE." THEY HAVE BEEN RENDERED INTO ADEQUATE ENGLISH.

4. ESSENTIALLY, ORSZULIK'S MISSION IS TO SOUND OUT THE EC COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES, PRESUMABLY THROUGH THE AMBASSADOR ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISPENSING WITH SANCTIONS THAT IMPINGE ON PRIVATE AGRICULTURE IN POLAND AND PARTICIPATING IN A LONG-TERM RELIEF PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION THERE.

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5. THE FIRST PAPER DESCRIBES THE SITUATION IN POLAND IN FAMILIAR TERMS, EMPHASIZING THE POSITION OF THE CHURCH AS SET FORTH IN AN EPISCOPATE COMMUNIQUE IN MARCH 1982 AND ELABORATED IN "THESES" OF THE PRIMATE'S SOCIAL COUNCIL. CLAIMING SUPPORT FROM SOLIDARITY AND CLOSE COORDINATION WITH ITS LEADERS INCLUDING WALESIA, BUT NOTING THE EPISCOPATE'S "CRITICAL" VIEW OF EXTREMISM IN SOME SOLIDARITY QUARTERS, THE PAPER CALLS FOR DIALOGUE INSTEAD OF VIOLENCE AND RESTORATION OF SOLIDARITY ON THE BASIS OF ITS "VALID STATUS,"

6. OUTLINING IN SOME DETAIL THE POLISH EPISCOPATE'S ATTITUDE ON WESTERN SANCTIONS, THE PAPER STRESSES THAT, IF AT ALL, THESE SANCTIONS SHOULD BE AIMED AT THOSE WARSAW PACT STATES WHICH INTERFERED MOST "HEAVILY" IN POLISH INTERNAL AFFAIRS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE POLISH REGIME. THE PAPER ALSO EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE EFFECT OF SANCTIONS ON THE POLISH PEOPLE AND ASSERTS THAT THE SANCTIONS "DELAY AND AGGRAVATE" THE SOLUTION OF THE POLISH CRISIS. CONCLUDING WITH AN EXPRESSION OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE "POLITICAL FORCES" IN THE WEST OPPOSING LIFTING OF SANCTIONS, THE PAPER EMPHASIZES THE BISHOPS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLISH PEOPLE AND THEIR DUTY "TO ADVOCATE EMPHATICALLY" THE LIFTING OF THOSE SANCTIONS WHICH "STRIKE POLAND'S PRIVATE ECONOMY," ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURE. IT THEN ASSERTS THE NEED FOR AN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE-SECTOR AGRICULTURE,

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NOTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INDICATED IT
WOULD NOT IMPEDE SUCH A CHURCH-INITIATED AND-SUPPORTED
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,

7. THE SECOND PAPER OUTLINES THE CONCEPT AND AIMS
OF THE PROPOSED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, THE HISTORICAL
PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE IN POLAND, AND THE STRATEGY
ENVISAGED IN THE PROPOSED PROGRAM. IT INCLUDES A
COST ESTIMATE FOR A FIVE-YEAR EFFORT.

8. NOTING THAT 80 PERCENT OF POLAND'S FARMLAND IS
PRIVATELY OWNED, THE PAPER DISCUSSES THE NEED FOR
STRUCTURAL CHANGE AND OUTLINES THE WAYS IN WHICH
FINANCIAL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE COULD BE USED TO
REFORM THE AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM. ON THE SUBJECT OF
MONEY, THE PAPER ENVISAGES A REQUIREMENT FOR ABOUT
5 BILLION GERMAN MARKS FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. IT
PROPOSES THREE SOURCES IN THE WEST: THE CHURCHES,
THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE EC
COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES, NOTING THAT PERHAPS
ONE-QUARTER OF THE NECESSARY FUNDS COULD COME FROM
THE CHURCH, ANOTHER QUARTER FROM PRIVATE SOURCES,

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AND THE REMAINING HALF FROM THE GOVERNMENTS. CONCERNING THE LAST, THE PAPER RECALLS AS A POSSIBLE MODEL THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY PROGRAM, AND SPECIFICALLY CALLS FOR A KIND OF CHURCH-ORGANIZED "POLAND RECOVERY PROGRAM."

9. THE BALANCE OF THIS PAPER ADDRESSES DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROBLEMS OF POLISH AGRICULTURE AND THE WAYS IN WHICH REFORMS WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

10. COMMENT: THIS OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE POLISH EPISCOPATE FOR EVEN A LIMITED LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST POLAND SEEMS HIGHLY SIGNIFICANT. IT COULD BE DIFFICULT TO IGNORE, AND WE SUSPECT IT WILL TEND TO ENCOURAGE PRESSURE FROM THE FRG AND ELSEWHERE FOR A RELAXATION IN U.S. AND WESTERN POLICY. BURNS

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